My dear Sir ,

His Highness directs me to acknowledge on his behalf the receipt of your letter with enclosure received a few days ago regarding your intended retirement from the service. His Highness instructs me to thank you for the trouble you have taken and desires me to apprise you of the development that has since taken place in regard to this question.

Col. Desaraj Urs called and saw His Highness on the 7th instant and represented to His Highness, among other things, that it would be a great blow to him both socially and officially if he was asked to go away at a time like the present. This was the gist and substance of his ~~his~~ representation. His Highness was pleased to tell him that his administration of the Military Department was far from satisfactory, that Government could not possibly allow him to manage or rather mismanage things in the way he had been doing so long, and that he could not expect to be kept on for ever. His Highness added that he would consider the question of his retention and let him know his final decision in the matter in due course. His Highness' idea is that you and His Highness the Yuvaraja might send for Col. Desaraj Urs and tell him plainly wherein he has failed to give satisfaction and if no promis-

promises to carry out loyally and cheerfully the orders of Government, and improve in his methods of work, he might be given an extension until further orders - no definite period being fixed- so as to enable Government to get rid of him whenever he proved troublesome or in any way unsatisfactory again.

His Highness thinks you might take this question when you come here for the Birthday.